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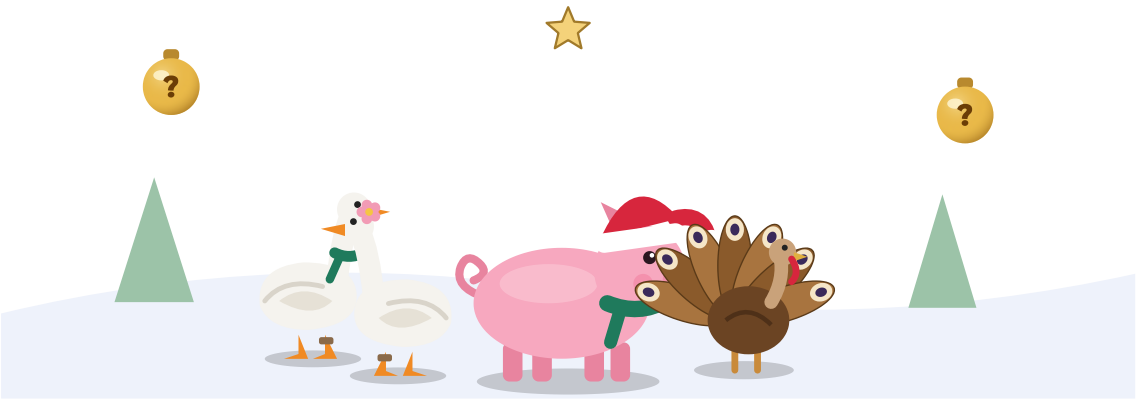
Operation Christmas Roast

A printable Christmas escape game for families aged 8+



Getting ready

1. Print all eight pages. Colour looks nicer, but black and white works too.
2. Put pages 2 to 7 into six envelopes and number them 1 to 6. No envelopes? Fold each page once and stack them face down.
3. Have a pen, coloured pencils and scissors ready.
4. An adult takes the last page with the solutions without looking at it.

How to play

1. Open envelope 1 and read the story aloud. Every envelope contains a puzzle.
2. Found an answer? Check it on the solution page with your phone. There are also three hints per puzzle if you get stuck.
3. If the answer is right, you may open the next envelope. Envelope 6 is opened only at the very end.
4. No phone handy? Then an adult compares your answer with the last page.

Solution page

schlachthaus-escape.netlify.app/weihnachten/loesung

Prefer a screen? The game also runs in the browser: schlachthaus-escape.netlify.app/weihnachten

ENVELOPE 1

At the farm gate

The night before Christmas Eve, just before three in the morning. Everyone on the sanctuary farm is asleep. Everyone except Rosalinde.

That afternoon she overheard something at the fence. On Brätling Goose Farm, just past the woods, four geese, a turkey and a carp are locked up. At six in the morning the truck arrives. They are meant to become Christmas dinner.

Rosalinde was locked up once herself. She still remembers exactly how that felt.

She pulls her red hat down over her ears and sets off. Help her. You have until morning.

The snow crunches under Rosalinde's trotters. In front of her is the gate to the goose farm, with a heavy combination lock. The Christmas lights glow on the farmhouse, but inside everything is dark. There's a torch in the old sled next to the kennel. Rosalinde takes it. She'll need it.





Three dials with pictures: bell, star, candle. Someone has scratched underneath: "Everything that hangs on the house or stands in its windows."

Write the code in the boxes:

Got the answer? Check it on the solution page. If it's right, open envelope 2.

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ENVELOPE 2

In the goose stall

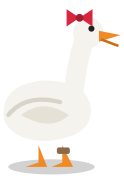
Click! The lock springs open. Something gleams in the snow by the gate: a golden bauble with an E on it. Rosalinde takes it along.

The barn is pitch black. Rosalinde can't see her own snout. Without a light she won't find anything here. Luckily Rosalinde brought the torch from the sled. It's warm in the barn. Straw rustles, then Rosalinde hears quiet, excited chattering.

YOU FOUND



✂ cut out and keep



Gisela: You're Rosalinde? The sparrows told us about you! I'm Gisela. On the perch I always sit at the very end. The left side is far too draughty for me.



Greta: I'm Greta. I sit right next to Gisela, we're best friends. My ring is yellow.



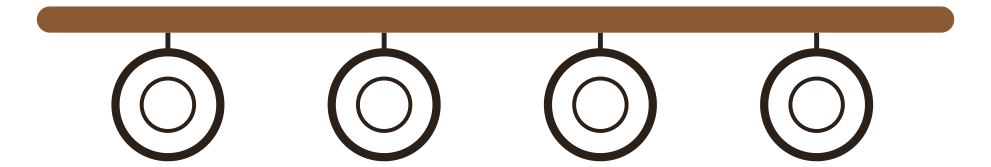
Gustav: Name's Gustav. My ring is red. I never sit on the far left, the cold wind comes through the crack there.



Gundula: I'm Gundula. My ring is blue. The wind from the left? Doesn't bother me at all.

The pen has a lock with four rings. Above it: "Ring colours as on the perch, from left to right." The geese wear rings in blue, red, yellow and white, but the rings are caked in mud.

Colour in the rings in the right colours, the way the geese sit on the perch. Leave the white one blank:



← left Ring colours: blue, red, yellow, white right →

Got the answer? Check it on the solution page. If it's right, open envelope 3.

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ENVELOPE 3

In the farmhouse kitchen

The gate swings open. Four geese waddle out, all chattering at once. Something golden is stuck to Gisela's wing: the second bauble, with an R. "Paula the turkey is locked in the barn," says Gisela. "And Kuno the carp has been swimming in the farmer's bathtub for three days. We're not leaving without them."

Rosalinde squeezes through Bello's dog flap into the house. The kitchen smells of biscuits. The clock above the stove says 3:40. Under the sink Rosalinde finds a bucket and takes it along.

YOU FOUND



✂ cut out and keep

WISH LIST ON THE FRIDGE

Dear Santa,

I don't want any presents this year. I only wish that Dad doesn't sell my best friend.

Her name is 7 · 19 · 3 · 12 · 19

I'm writing her name in my secret code so Dad can't read it. How to read it is hidden behind the little doors.

Love, Mila, age 9

PS: Dad uses her name as the code for the key box. He thinks I don't know.

Behind each door of Mila's Advent calendar there is a letter:

13 K	5 T	21 Z	9 R	17 B	2 E
8 H	24 ★	3 U	15 I	11 D	19 A
1 N	18 C	7 P	22 V	6 O	12 L
20 F	10 M	16 G	4 S	23 J	14 W

A small metal box with five letter dials. Mila let slip which word her dad uses.

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ENVELOPE 4

In the bathroom

The box opens. Inside hangs a big key with a tag that says “Barn”. Next to it dangles the third golden bauble, with an I.

A night light glows in the bathroom. In the bathtub a carp swims round and round in circles. “Hi, I’m Kuno,” the carp burbles. “I need to get to the stream behind the farm, it never freezes. But how is a pig supposed to carry a fish?” Luckily Rosalinde brought the bucket from the kitchen. Kuno swims in.

YOU FOUND



✂ cut out and keep

Draw the path from the front door (bottom left) to the stream (top right). Only up, down, left or right, no diagonals. The letters on your path make the answer (a German word).





Answer:

= front door (start)

〰 = stream (goal)

Got the answer? Check it on the solution page. If it’s right, open envelope 5.

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ENVELOPE 5

Outside the barn

Splash! Kuno slides into the stream and does a somersault for joy. On the bank, the fourth golden bauble lies in the snow, with an F.

Far off on the country road, headlights appear. Could that already be the truck?

The key fits. A big turkey with ruffled feathers sits in the barn. “You must be Paula,” Rosalinde whispers. “Mila loves you.” Paula puffs herself up and struts out to join the others.

YOU FOUND



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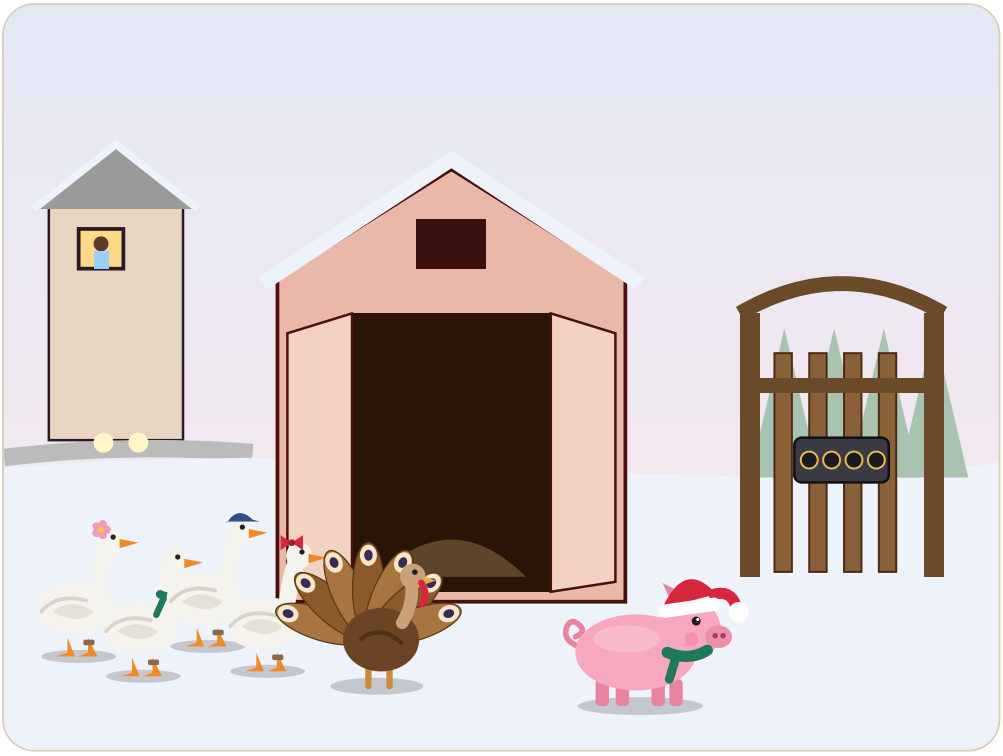
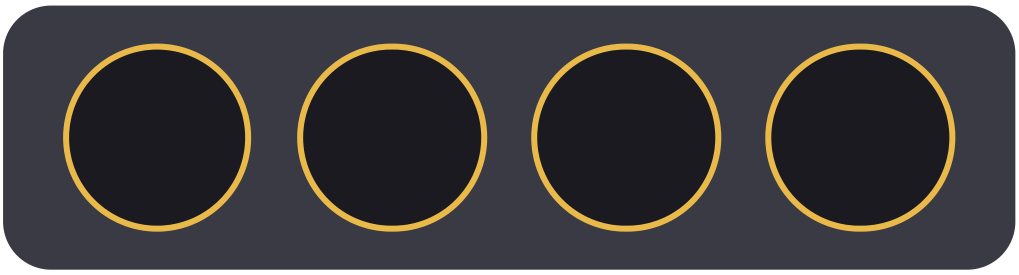


Four round hollows, exactly the size of your golden baubles. Cut out your four golden baubles from envelopes 2 to 5 and place them in the hollows in the right order. The farm is in Germany, so the word is German too.



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ENVELOPE 6 · ONLY OPEN ONCE THE BACK GATE IS OPEN!

The end

The back gate swings open. Rosalinde leads the way through the snowy woods, followed by four chattering geese and a turkey who keeps looking back. Kuno swims alongside in the stream, which runs right past the sanctuary.

At 6:02 the truck pulls up at the goose farm. The pens are empty. At breakfast Mila tells her dad everything. At first he's pretty cross. Then he admits he was quite fond of Paula too.

By Christmas lunch everyone is together at the sanctuary. There's red cabbage, dumplings and biscuits. Mila stands at the fence and waves. Paula waves back, as well as a turkey can.

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Certificate



This certifies that

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Team

helped Rosalinde rescue four geese, a turkey and a carp from becoming Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve.

Date: _____ Time: _____

Solutions for grown-ups

Printed upside down so nobody peeks by accident.

Envelope 1

264

2 bells on the door, 6 straw stars and 4 candles in the windows. The star on the fir tree doesn't count.

Envelope 2

Blue · Red · Yellow · White

From the left: Gundula, Gustav, Greta, Gisela.

Envelope 3

PAULA

7 = P, 19 = A, 3 = U, 12 = L, 19 = A.

Envelope 4

WASSER (water)

The only path to the stream goes over W, A, S, S, E, R.

Envelope 5

FREI (German for free)

The baubles E, R, I and F spell FREI.

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